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(b) whether in any of the municipalities in the Presidency the civil surgeon of the station has been appointed as a municipal councillor ;

(c) whether the appointment of civil surgeons as municipal councillors is in consonance with section 29 of Madras Act V of 1920 ;

(d) whether any memorial has been received from the public of Negapatam protesting against the appointment of the civil surgeon as a municipal councillor ; and

(e) whether any orders have been passed on the said memorial, and, if so, to what effect ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Mangalore, is a member of the local municipal council.

(c) The Government see no inconsistency.

(d) & (e) The answer is in the negative.

*Raising of the Victoria College, Palghat, to a first-grade institution.*

399 Q.—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of G.O. No. 17 M., Mis., dated 12th January 1900, on the proposal of the Palghat Municipal Council to raise the Victoria College to the B.A. standard together with the report of the Inspector of Schools and the Collector of Malabar ?

A.—A copy of G.O. No. 17 M., dated 12th January 1900, with a copy of the Director of Public Instruction's letter quoted therein and of the report of the Inspector of Schools on the proposal of the Palghat Municipal Council to raise the Victoria College to the first grade, is laid on the Council table.\* The Collector made no comment in forwarding the council's proposal.

*Malabar students in the Government first-grade colleges.*

400 Q.—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of students that belong to the Malabar district in the third and fourth year University classes in all the Government first-grade colleges in the Presidency ?

A.—The Government are not in possession of the information, but will call for it.

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN :—“ With reference to the answer to question No. 400, I wish to know when the information will be made available to us ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO :—“ No information has as yet reached us ; as soon as it reaches Government, the hon. Member will come to know of it.”

*Disafforested lands in the Presidency.*

401 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Home Member, he hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of land disafforested in the various districts of the Presidency for the last two years ; and

(b) the extent of disafforested lands in acres set apart in the various districts for assignment to the members of depressed classes ?

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4.—(a) The following statement gives the information.—

Forest division.	Extent disafforested.	
	1920-21.	1921-22.
	ACS.	ACS.
Ganjām .. .. .	..	238
Guntūr .. .. .	663	6,631
Kurnool, West .. .. .	1,187	37
Do. South .. .. .	..	257
Cuddapah, West .. .. .	3	83
Nellore .. .. .	676	52
Vellore, North .. .. .	123	3,398
Do. South .. .. .	1,036	50
Madura .. .. .	3	..
Nilgiris .. .. .	3,000	10
Bellary .. .. .	..	2,658
Chingleput .. .. .	2,178	149
Chittoor .. .. .	..	441
Salem, East .. .. .	..	9,209
Do. South .. .. .	..	1,394
Coimbatore, North .. .. .	169	..
Palghat .. .. .	..	5,775
Total .. .. .	9,038	30,382

(b) The Government have no information.

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"Referring to answer to question No. 401 (b), may I request the hon. the Home Member to call for the information?"

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP:—"I have no objection to call for the information."

*The darkhast rules.*

402 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the darkhast rules have been recently revised;

(b) if so, whether the Government be pleased to lay them on the table;

(c) whether it is the intention of the Government to translate them into the vernaculars of the Presidency and to distribute them to the ryots?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Board's Standing Orders which contain the darkhast rules are available for sale to the public. The Government do not, therefore, consider it necessary to place them on the Council table.

(c) Government will consider the feasibility of the suggestion.

*Pammal settlement near Pallavaram.*

403 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to the Pammal settlement near Pallavaram what measures are taken to prevent any of the inmates going out in any part of the night?